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U.S. 1 TRAFFIC SIGNAL COORDINATION COMPLETED IN PORTSMOUTH
CHANGES WILL AFFECT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT FOUR SIGNALS

A recently completed signal coordination project on U.S. Route 1 in Portsmouth will improve traffic flow during daily peak travel times. Included in this \$60,000 project is the coordination of four traffic signals from the U.S. 1/Wilson Road and Market Basket Drive intersection to the U.S. 1/Lafayette Plaza and Greenleaf Woods intersection.

To allow for this traffic improvement, the pedestrian crossing lights have been changed from “exclusive phases” to “concurrent phases”.

During an exclusive pedestrian phase, all roadways at an intersection receive a red light to allow pedestrians to cross. In a concurrent phase, pedestrians receive the “Walk” and “Don’t Walk” lighted signs when the traffic parallel to them has the green light.

Concurrent crossings may at times create conflicts with right turning vehicles, although under state law vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians. To assist pedestrians with the changes, signs have been installed at the pedestrian push buttons to warn pedestrians to watch for turning vehicles.